

correctional services

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MEDIA STATEMENT

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DCS attending to allegations involving Nandipha Magudumana

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) is attending to an incident of Saturday, 16 March 2024, where a remand detainee Nandipha Magudumana filed a complaint of assault by another inmate.

DCS is investigating the circumstances following what was said to be a prayer meeting in a different cell from Magudamana's. Reports of an alleged altercation and a push against the grills can be confirmed.

DCS officials advised Magudumana to open a criminal case when she reported that she was allegedly assaulted, but she opted to discuss it with her lawyers first. Furthermore, DCS Healthcare officials conducted an examination on her and found no visible injuries.

The safety and well-being of inmates is our utmost priority, and we take such allegations seriously. Hence, this incident is under investigation.

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